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Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, *subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act*, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 420(c), Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358-2104); Fax: (703/358-2281).

Dated: December 5, 1995.
Caroline Anderson,
Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.
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Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit

The following applicants have applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*):

Applicant: Richard Olsen, Santa Cruz, CA, PRT-809107.

The applicant requests a permit for the import of one male and three female Chinese Monals (*Lophophorus lhuysis*) bred in captivity at the Forestry Department of Sichuan Province aviary, Baoxing, China, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through propagation.

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Availability of an Environmental Assessment and Receipt of an Application for an Incidental Take Permit for Operations of ARCO Western Energy, Kern County, California

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife, Interior.
ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that ARCO Western Energy has applied to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an incidental take permit pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, *as amended* (Act). The application has been assigned permit number PRT-809228. The proposed permit would authorize the incidental take of the endangered San Joaquin kit fox (*Vulpes macrotis mutica*), blunt-nosed leopard lizard (*Gambelia silus*), Tipton kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys nitratoideus nitratoideus*), giant kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys ingens*), San Joaquin woolly threads (*Lembertina congdonii*), Kern mallow (*Eremalche kernensis*) and the threatened Hoover's eriastrum (*Eriastrum hooveri*) and/or their habitat during the implementation of oil exploration activities. The permit will become effective for the following currently unlisted, covered species if they are listed under the Act: San Joaquin antelope squirrel (*Ammospermophilus nelsoni*), southwestern pond turtle (*Clemmys marmorata pallida*), short-nosed kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys nitratoideus brevinasus*), San Joaquin LeConte's thrasher (*Toxostoma lecontei macmillanorum*), western burrowing owl (*Athene cunicularia hypugae*), slough thistle (*Cirsium crassicaule*) and the recurved larkspur (*Delphinium recurvatum*).

The Service also announces the availability of an environmental assessment (EA) for the incidental take permit application, which includes the proposed habitat conservation plan (HCP) fully describing the proposed project and mitigation, and the accompanying implementing agreement (IA). This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(a) of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6). All comments,

including names and addresses, received will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

DATES: Written comments on the permit application, EA and IA should be received on or before (January 10, 1996).

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding the application or adequacy of the EA and IA should be addressed to Mr. Joel Medlin, Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento Field Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Room E-1823, Sacramento, California 95825. Please refer to permit number PRT-809228 when submitting comments. Individuals wishing copies of the application, EA or IA for review should immediately contact the above office (916-979-2725).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Michael Horton or Ms. Jody Brown, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento Field Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Room E-1823, Sacramento, California 95825 (916-979-2725).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Availability of Documents

Individuals wishing copies of the documents should immediately contact the Service's Sacramento Field Office at the above referenced address, or by telephone at (916) 979-2725. Documents will also be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

Background

Section 9 of the Act, and implementing regulations, prohibit the "taking" of a species listed as threatened or endangered. However, the Service, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take listed species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for endangered and threatened species are promulgated at 50 CFR 17.22 and 17.32, respectively.

ARCO Western Energy proposes to conduct on-going oil production, operations and transportation activities on approximately 330 acres in Kern County, California. The age of the field makes routine maintenance, repair and sometimes replacement of active equipment necessary. In addition, ARCO Western Energy seeks coverage for operations and maintenance activities for pipeline, powerline, and emergency response activities outside of the Coles Levee oil field. Though the proposed project would remove 330 acres of suitable habitat for the San Joaquin kit fox, blunt-nosed leopard lizard, Tipton kangaroo rat, giant